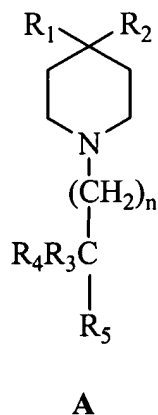


In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound represented by A:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents aryl, or heteroaryl;

R₂ represents RO-alkyl, (R)₂N-alkyl, RS-alkyl, RO-cycloalkyl, (R)₂N-cycloalkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl, -OR, or F;

R₅ represents ~~an aryl~~ substituted phenyl or heteroaryl group;

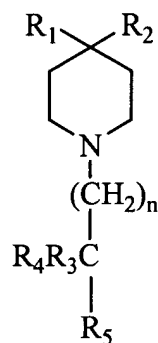
R₃ and R₄ may be connected through a covalent bond;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is R, S, or a mixture of these configurations.

Claims 2-91 (canceled)

92. (new) A compound represented by **A**:



A

wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R_1 represents optionally substituted phenyl;

R_2 represents RO-alkyl, $(R)_2N$ -alkyl, RS-alkyl, RO-cycloalkyl, $(R)_2N$ -cycloalkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R_3 represents H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl, -OR, or F;

R_4 represents H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl, -OR, or F;

R_5 represents an aryl or heteroaryl group;

R_3 and R_4 may be connected through a covalent bond;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by **A** is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.